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ECLECTIC MIX OF STYLES AT UM SPRING DANCE SHOWCASE

MISSOULA --

Audiences will enjoy an eclectic mix of dance styles – everything from tap and hip-hop to classic ballet and jazz – at the Department of Drama/Dance Spring Dance Showcase beginning April 3 at The University of Montana.

Performances are nightly at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, April 3-7, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, April 7. All performances will be held in the Open Space of the UM Performing Arts/Radio Television Center.

Tickets cost \$4 and are available in the PAR/TC Box Office. For reservations or additional information call 243-4581 Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

During the performances, 21 different choreographers present work in two alternating programs. Chris Gorney stages a dynamic hip-hop face-off between the genders. Abby Shikles mixes traditional African movements with contemporary modern dance to create an upbeat ensemble piece. Andrew Vaughn, New York choreographer and guest teacher this semester, presents a piece for four women that depicts his interpretation of the essence of a woman. Melanie Kloetzel, a choreographer who has just recently moved from New York, dances a solo she created as a humorous study of

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one of Beethoven's piano sonatas. Amy Ragsdale creates interludes of movement set to former classified CIA documents. This year's spring dance showcase promises something for everyone.

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